

3 MAY 1957

Mr. Hatfield Chilson  
Acting Secretary of the Interior  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chilson:

I refer to your letter of April 12, 1957, and Mr. Arthur S. Flemming's letter of November 15, 1956, concerning plans for the protection against sabotage of Venezuelan oil resources and refineries at Curacao and Aruba.

A survey of the oil and iron ore industries in Venezuela has been completed, and a report is presently being prepared. The Department of State will handle the distribution.

The Department of State has not yet been able to obtain the necessary permission of the Netherlands government to permit a survey of the refining installations on Aruba and Curacao, but expects to have this in time to permit that portion of the survey to be completed in June 1957.

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[redacted] of this Agency, who can be reached on telephone extension [redacted] will be available to discuss these matters with Mr. Stewart of your Department at any time.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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